

acres more or less, be and the same are hereby, released and relinquished by the United States to the respective owner or owners of the equitable title and to their heirs and assigns.

Only right, etc., of
United States relin-
quished.

SEC. 2. Nothing in this Act shall in any manner abridge, divest, impair, injure, or prejudice any valid right, title, or interest of any person or persons in or to any portion or part of the lands mentioned in the said first section, the true intent of this Act being to relinquish and abandon, grant, give, and concede any and all right, interest, and estate, in law or equity, which the United States is or is supposed to be entitled to in said lands, in favor of all persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the true and lawful owners of the same under the laws of the State of Arkansas, including the laws of prescription in the absence of the said interest and estate of the United States.

Approved, February 16, 1929.

February 16, 1929.
[H. R. 12347.]
[Public, No. 765.]

CHAP. 223.—An Act Granting all right, title, and interest of the United States to the piece or parcel of land known as the Cuartel lot to the city of Monterey, California.

Monterey, Calif.
Grant of Cuartel lot
to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest of the United States in the piece or parcel of land known as the Cuartel lot, situated in the city of Monterey, State of California, is hereby granted for municipal purposes to the said city of Monterey as the successor in interest of the Mexican Government.

Approved, February 16, 1929.

February 16, 1929.
[H. R. 13899.]
[Public, No. 766.]

CHAP. 224.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue patents for lands held under color of title.

Public lands.
Patents may be is-
sued to holders of title,
etc., for more than 20
years, in Michigan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if within five years after passage of this Act it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that a tract or tracts of public land in the State of Michigan, not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred and sixty acres, has or have been held in good faith and in peaceable, adverse possession by a citizen of the United States, his ancestors or grantors, for more than twenty years prior to the approval of this Act under claim or color of title, and that valuable improvements have been placed on such land or some part thereof has been reduced to cultivation, the Secretary may, in his discretion, upon the payment of \$1.25 per acre, cause a patent or patents to issue for such land to any such citizen: *Provided,* That the term "citizen," as used herein, shall be held to include a corporation organized under the laws of the United States or any State or Territory thereof.

Approved, February 16, 1929.

Payment required.
Proviso.
Corporation in-
cluded as citizen.

February 16, 1929.
[H. R. 15328.]
[Public, No. 767.]

CHAP. 225.—An Act To authorize the exchange of eighteen sections of Government land for an equal value of State land located in Box Elder County, Utah, for experiments in sheep growing, and for other purposes.

Sheep growing experi-
ments, etc.
Public lands in Box
Elder County, Utah,
may be exchanged for
State lands for.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to exchange eighteen sections of surveyed, vacant, unreserved, and nonmineral

public lands located in Box Elder County, Utah, for an equal value of Utah State lands of the same character, the exchange being made for the purpose of experimental sheep growing, the experiments to be conducted by persons designated by the director of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, the work to be carried on in cooperation with the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station.

Approved, February 16, 1929.

CHAP. 226.—An Act To provide for the acquisition of a site and the construction thereon and equipment of buildings and appurtenances for the Coast Guard Academy.

February 16, 1929.

[H. R. 16129.]

[Public, No. 768.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to acquire in fee simple without cost to the United States a suitable site at New London, Connecticut, and to construct and equip thereon such buildings and appurtenances as he may deem necessary for the purpose of the United States Coast Guard Academy, all at a total cost not to exceed \$1,750,000, which amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby authorized to be appropriated.

Coast Guard Academy.

Site to be acquired for, without cost, at New London, Conn.

Post, p. 1654.

Amount authorized for buildings, etc.

Approved, February 16, 1929.

CHAP. 227.—An Act Making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, and for other purposes.

February 16, 1929.

[H. R. 15386.]

[Public, No. 769.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, namely:

Department of Agriculture appropriations, fiscal year 1930.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Secretary's Office.

SALARIES

For Secretary of Agriculture, \$15,000; Assistant Secretary and other personal services in the District of Columbia, including \$7,294 for extra labor and emergency employments, and for personal services in the field, \$712,450; in all, \$727,450, of which amount not to exceed \$699,450 may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That in expending appropriations or portions of appropriations, contained in this Act, for the payment for personal services in the District of Columbia in accordance with the Classification Act of 1923 as amended (U. S. C., pp. 65-71, secs. 661-673, 45 Stat., pp. 776-785), the average of the salaries of the total number of persons under any grade in any bureau, office, or other appropriation unit shall not at any time exceed the average of the compensation rates specified for the grade by such Act, as amended, and in grades in which only one position is allocated the salary of such position shall not exceed the average of the compensation rates for the grade except that in unusually meritorious cases of one position in a grade advances may be made to rates higher than the average of the compensation rates of the grade but not more often than once in any fiscal year, and then only to the next higher rate: *Provided*, That this restriction shall not apply (1) to grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the clerical-mechanical service, or (2) to require the reduction in salary of any person whose compensation was fixed, as of

Secretary, Assistant, office personnel, labor, etc.

Proviso. Salaries limited to average rates under Classification Act.

Vol. 42, p. 1498.

Ante, p. 776.

U. S. Code, p. 65.

If only one position in a grade.

Advances in unusually meritorious cases.

Restriction not applicable to clerical mechanical services.

No reduction in fixed salaries.